

FEWER STREET ATTACKS

NOT MANY ACTUAL ASSAULTS ON CHILDREN.

Greek Who Has Been a Day in the Country Worried by Crowd Because He Whistled at Girls—Story of Girl Doesn't Stand Investigation—Less Trouble Yesterday.

John Ruck, 38 years old, an Austrian native of 404 East Seventy-third street, was arrested last night on a charge of attempted assault on Louise Sackman, 7 years old, of 428 East Seventy-third street. The complainant was May Kehoe of 145 Lexington avenue, the girl's aunt, who had followed the girl on an errand. The girl had told her.

At Sixty-seventh street and Avenue A, Ruck dragged the girl into a lot. Miss Kehoe says he attempted to assault her. When Miss Kehoe attacked him he knocked her down, but she continued the fight until Louise broke away and brought Policeman Lehan of the East Sixty-seventh street police station. Miss Kehoe's shirt was torn in the struggle. A small crowd followed Lehan and Ruck, but made no demonstration until near the police station. Ruck was arrested in the night court and held for a hearing.

Agnes West, 16 years old, who lives at 21 West Twenty-third street, was arrested yesterday afternoon with a girl friend when she noticed a young Greek following them. The Greek whistled to them and the girls went home. The young woman told her mother and her brother about the Greek and they planned to have him arrested.

After supper the young woman and her sister went for a walk. The Greek followed them and whistled as before. He did not attempt to go near them. Finally he went into the Greek house of Alexander Katsaris in Madison street. He stayed there for a long time.

Meanwhile the West family with their friends in the neighborhood assembled outside. When the Greek came out two hundred men and women chased him with bricks and stones. The Greek went as fast as he could, but he was getting the worst of it when Policeman Lake of the Oak street station came to his rescue. Lake had the hardest kind of a job dragging the man to the Oak street station.

The Greek, Leonidas Diamond, is 21 years old, and he has been only a day in this country. Isabelle Kusler, a seventeen-year-old Jewess, who lives with her parents at 420 East Seventy-eighth street, walked into the German Hospital about 6 o'clock last night and said she had been dragged on Tuesday into a Mulberry street house by two Italian men. She said she had been assaulted and kept a prisoner until yesterday.

The hospital doctors found nothing to corroborate her story and a half dozen detectives from the East Sixty-seventh and Elizabeth street stations and from Headquarters found that her story was inaccurate in many ways.

A crowd of men attacked William Brown, 29 years old, of 131 Baltic street, Brooklyn, who was accused of attacking his seven-year-old niece, Katie Carden, in the East Sixty-seventh street house last night. The girl's mother, who had left the house to buy some things, and she locked Katie and another daughter, Ellen, 5 years old, in her rooms.

Brown is said to have kicked in the door of the apartments and seized Katie. The child attempted to scream, but he choked her. Ellen slipped into the hallway and raised an alarm. The door of the apartment was swarming with excited women.

Brown threw his niece in a corner and started to escape. He was cut off on all sides by women. Captain Devaney and the reserves dragged him to the station. When Mrs. Carden identified her brother it was all that Capt. Devaney could do to get her from the station. She was taken to her home in the Flushing police court yesterday, charged with annoying women. Two of the men were accused of annoying Mary and Fannie Steeger, 3 years old, of 7 Grove street, Windward, Queens. The men said they were James Hugh, 30 years old, and Thomas Hargreave, 58 years old, of Far Rockaway. They were fined \$5 each.

Anna Sugarman, a young woman of 240 Fulton street, Brooklyn, was responsible for the arrest of Captain Devaney on Tuesday evening. One of the men had a club. Mounted Policeman Crozier met her and when she told her story he arrested her. She was taken to the station. Magistrate Healy held them in \$1,500 bail each.

Mrs. Mary Balslev of Broad street and Flushing avenue, Maspeth, appeared against three men whom she charged with invading her house and threatening her. She said she made her escape through a back window. They were held in \$1,000 each.

THE WOMAN AND THE WATCH.

She Goes to Jail and the Owner of the Watch Gets It Back.

Elly Koehler, who lives at the Hotel Navarre, met a young woman on Tuesday evening at the corner of Broadway and Thirty-eighth street. She said she was a friend of hers and she and Koehler were sitting at a table in the Navarre summer garden drinking highballs. It wasn't long before she was talking with Koehler's watch, and when they went to leave the young woman kept the watch.

"I will let you have it if you will give me \$20," she said. The night clerk would not cash a check.

"Never mind," said the girl. "I'll keep the watch and you can bring me the money." The young woman told him to come to 27 West Sixty-fourth street and ring the bell of "Señor Altazaro." Yesterday morning when Koehler rang the bell the young woman answered. Koehler gave her \$20 and waited outside for his watch. When the young woman came back she said that a friend of hers had gone off with the watch. She wanted \$20 more from Koehler. He protested that it was blackmail.

Koehler got a policeman. When Ada Raymond was arrested at the West Side court she said that "Señor Altazaro" had the watch, and offered to send a note for it. The note was handed to the Magistrate's probation officer, who reported that the note could not speak English. Ada Raymond was sent to the house in charge of a policeman, and she came back with a watch ticket for the watch and \$15. Koehler got the watch ticket and the \$15. Ada was sent to Blackwell's Island.

Magistrate Corrigan told Koehler that he had heard and deserved the thanks of the court.

GAS KILLS SPANISH BOY.

Roommate in Bad Shape—Here One Day—May Have Blown Out Gas.

Francisco Lopez, 18 years old, a Spaniard who had been from Cuba a day, was killed yesterday in a room in a small Spanish hotel at 249 West Twenty-fifth street. His chum, M. P. Antomil, 19 years old, was found in the same room unconscious. He was taken to the New York Hospital, where the physicians said his recovery would surprise them.

The police think one of the boys blew out the gas. The proprietor of the hotel said the boys left their homes in Madrid about two months ago. They were well educated and supplied with ample funds.

DROWNED AT LONG BRANCH.

Long Branch, N. J., Aug. 7.—Louis Brockman, 19 years old, an engraver of Albany, N. Y., was drowned while bathing at the Atlantic Hotel bathing grounds today. His body has not been recovered.

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AXLE BROKE AT RUSH TIME.

And if You Didn't Know—This Kind of the Bridge You Did Later.

A Fifth avenue elevated train which had just rounded the curve at the City Hall station, Brooklyn, and started on its way to Bridge street, came to a sudden stop at a quarter to 6 o'clock last night when the rear wheels of the last car jumped the track and an axle broke. The derailed train tied up all Brooklyn lines except the City Line and Brighton Beach trains, which use the tracks over Fulton street.

When the accident was reported at the Manhattan end of the bridge the gates were closed for a few moments. Then they had to be opened, as two lines were still running. A few of the policemen were stationed upstairs to help out the ticket collectors in announcing "Only Fulton street trains running! Take the trolley car for all other lines!" Four-fifths of the people who had clambered up the stairs turned around and went down. The surplus cars leaving the lower end jammed just a little bit worse than usual.

The chief trouble was at the Brooklyn end of the bridge. Here for a time every alley and passage was filled with a pushing, sweating throng. From stalled trains people spilled over on to the bridge, down the stairs, into the streets and along the sidewalks. The police stations there said they considered it fortunate that the crowd had room to spread itself out a bit, but in spite of the general disarray here, there and everywhere the jam was intolerable. Local trains in the area across the bridge in quite the usual fashion.

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Reducing Wisconsin Live Stock Rates.

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The Weather.

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POLICE GRAFT HUNT IS OFF.

PRIVATE DETECTIVES FOUND BROOKLYN VERY, VERY BAD.

But Deputy Commissioner Hanson Sized It All Up as a Scheme for the Undoing of O'Keefe and Has Released Hamburger Unless He'll Work Without Pay.

A story was published yesterday in a Brooklyn paper detailing the alleged efforts of Jacob G. Hamburger, head of private detective agency, to run down police grafters in Brooklyn under the direction of Commissioner Bingham, who is represented as having held up the hunt when Hamburger was about ready to go before the Grand Jury and disclose the information he had obtained.

According to the story Hamburger was engaged on July 6 by Commissioner Bingham to investigate tales of police grafting in Brooklyn and took a long trip to Reno, Nev. He soon discovered, it is alleged, that dives were flourishing in Hamilton avenue and other sections of the borough and that no less than forty-five disorderly houses were in operation in a single inspection district, all under police protection. Coney Island is said to have been described by Hamburger as in a worse condition than was under the rule of John V. McKane. Hamburger alleged to have privately furnished Commissioner Bingham with the names of half a dozen Coney Island policemen who were said to be implicated. While Hamburger was engaged in the investigation two lieutenants and two detectives at Brooklyn Police Headquarters were transferred over to Deputy Commissioner O'Keefe's headquarters, presumably being made on account of Hamburger's revelations. About two weeks ago Hamburger is said to have got a surprise when Commissioner Bingham called a halt on his investigation, restored the two lieutenants and two detectives to their old posts and publicly declared his confidence in Deputy Commissioner O'Keefe.

Yesterday Hamburger refused to give any information in regard to his investigation. His reports, he said, were in the hands of the Commissioner and he was willing that they should be made public. Hamburger said that the reports would not contain anything derogatory to Deputy Commissioner O'Keefe. Hamburger said that while he was on the graft hunt two detectives were brought on from New Orleans for the purpose of having him identified as a crook who had been convicted of several crimes years ago in that city. The detectives said that he was not the Hamburger they had in mind.

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DECISION IN FAVOR OF SHIPPER.

Commissioner Decides Rate on Wheat to California Terminals is Unreasonable.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The rate of 75 cents per 100 pounds on wheat from points in Nebraska to California terminals, via the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway through Denver and thence via the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads, was today adjudged unjust and unreasonable by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The case was the complaint of the J. P. Grant Company against the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and several other Western railroads.

The commission held that the rate complained of—75 cents per 100 pounds on wheat shipments—was excessive and unreasonable as compared with the rate over the same route on corn, which was 55 cents, and as compared with a thorough rate of 55 cents on both wheat and corn from Nebraska points via the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads to California terminals. The commission held that the rate complained of was excessive and unreasonable as compared with the rate over the same route on corn, which was 55 cents, and as compared with a thorough rate of 55 cents on both wheat and corn from Nebraska points via the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads to California terminals.

In deciding the case the commission laid down the principle that a regularly published rate is as fixed and unalterable as if it had been established by an act of Congress, and not even a court of law may interfere with it when it has been voluntarily established by the carrier. If a carrier, contrary to a shipper's instruction, carried a shipment by a more expensive route instead of using a cheaper route, such action is prima facie without justification and constitutes a basis for reparation, but if a shipper gives instructions that his goods be carried by a more expensive route the carrier is relieved of the obligation to forward by the cheaper route.

The commission also held that shippers along the line of an interstate carrier are entitled to have their products moved in either direction at reasonable rates, and a shipper is not bound to use a particular commodity on the ground that it is not desirable traffic.

JERSEY ROADS MUST PAY.

Present System of Taxation Upheld by the Supreme Court.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 7.—The Supreme Court handed down a decision today holding to be constitutional the Perkins act of 1904 taxing railroad property of the class known as "main stem," including franchise and tangible personal property. The principles upon which the decision is based were in part established by the opinion of the Court of Errors and Appeals on Monday, sustaining the constitutionality of the Dufrail act of 1905, under which second class railroad property is taxed for local uses and at local rates.

The combined decisions sustain in its entirety the present system of railroad taxation in New Jersey. The Perkins act is compelled to pay between four and five million dollars a year more in taxes than previously. The opinion of the Supreme Court was by Justice Pitney, who also wrote the opinion of the Court of Errors in the Dufrail act case. To-day's decision holds that the main stem act violates no constitutional provision, and that the Perkins act is not unconstitutional; that the Perkins act is not unconstitutional; that the Perkins act is not unconstitutional; that the Perkins act is not unconstitutional.

Under the Perkins act the State will collect a total of \$2,300,000, will be distributed to the counties in the proportion of one-half to one-half of 1 per cent. of the rates. The remainder of the tax, amounting to \$2,300,000, will be distributed to the counties in the proportion of one-half to one-half of 1 per cent. of the rates. The remainder of the tax, amounting to \$2,300,000, will be distributed to the counties in the proportion of one-half to one-half of 1 per cent. of the rates.

COMPROMISE IN ALABAMA.

State and Southern Railway Have Proposition Sent to President Finley in New York.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 7.—A proposition by which the controversy between the State and the Southern Railway is expected to be settled has been drawn up and has been sent to President Finley of the Southern in New York for approval. Until he answers there will be no change in the situation. Gov. Cameron said today that he expected a conference later with the railroad people, but I have told Col. Russell, representing President Finley, that with his reputation for fairness I shall expect him to realize and to concede that the railroads must obey the laws the same as any other citizen. The State stands always ready to protect the roads, and I consider it my duty to protect the people.

Every one a ticket is sold for more than two and a half cents a mile the railroad violates the law and the person selling the ticket commits a misdemeanor. It is the duty of every citizen to report such cases. I trust that the result of the conference will be to remove all friction between the people and the railroads. It is said at the capital that the legislature will not be ready to pass such enabling acts as will carry out the recent statutes enacted regarding railroad cars in Alabama.

PAUSE IN ROCK ISLAND AFFAIR.

Arkansas State Department Not So Keen to Revoke Road's License.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 7.—Assistant Secretary of State McKnight has not received official notice of the issuance of an injunction by Judge Van Deventer restraining the Rock Island Railroad from operating its charter of the Rock Island Railroad in Arkansas, but he says he cannot take action in revoking a license now without being in contempt of court, exactly as if he had received notice of an injunction.

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ROBBED EMPLOYER FOR YEARS.

SUPT. BELCHER OF THE CORNELL STEAMBOAT CO. CONFESSES.

Brother of Ex-Mayor Belcher of Paterson Stole Materials and Sold Them—His Thievery Said to Be More Than \$20,000—With Company Twenty-One Years.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Aug. 7.—Residents of this city were surprised to learn this afternoon of the arrest of Amherst W. Belcher, superintendent of the Cornell Steamboat Company's machine shops for twenty years, on two charges of grand larceny. He was arraigned before Recorder Groves and waived examination, to appear before the Grand Jury, hall being fixed at \$2,000.

For a long time the Cornell Steamboat Company has had reason to believe that it was being robbed by some of its most trusted employees. Its officers secured the services of Pinkerton detectives about two months ago, who carefully watched every movement of the suspected persons. Tuesday morning a number of suspected and untraced persons were summoned to the office of the company and questioned as to their knowledge of a number of irregular transactions.

The result of the investigation was that Supt. Belcher on being confronted with the overwhelming evidence confessed that for the last fifteen years he had been stealing materials from the company, selling them and pocketing the proceeds. It is understood that Belcher's total theft amounted to between \$20,000 and \$30,000. Two warrants were issued by Recorder Groves, both for grand larceny in the second degree. The warrants were served on Belcher, who was arraigned at about 3 o'clock this afternoon. He said the charges of theft were substantially true.

Belcher is a native of Orange county. He came to Kingston in February, 1886, to become superintendent of the Cornell Steamboat Company's shops. He had been employed subsequently to that at the Rogers Locomotive Works in Paterson, N. J., and in the Erie Railroad shops at Jersey City. After serving in the civil war he went to the Pacific coast and was engaged in handling steamboats and mining machinery. For fourteen years he was at John Roach's shipyard in Chester, Pa., where he was a foreman and a partner. That was just prior to coming to Kingston. In 1895 he was also appointed master mechanic of the Ulster and Delaware Railroad, where he held that place for several years. Belcher is a brother of Mayor Belcher of Paterson, N. J., who absconded some time ago with public moneys, proceeds of a bridge loan, and was arrested by an association which was foreclosed, he pocketing the money, and also cash which had been given him by widows to place in savings banks. Mayor Belcher kept out of sight for a long time, and after spending the money surrendered himself and was sent to prison. Recently Supt. Belcher, who was arrested here, was a judgment of \$3,000 against the Paterson Savings and Loan Association for money he gave his brother as head of the loan association, but which his brother had not paid in.

STUDYING RAILROADS HERE.

Japanese Railway Engineers to Tour This Country.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—The Japanese Government has sent to America seven prominent railway engineers and managers to study our latest railway methods and improvements. After the railroad systems in this city have been inspected the party will go to Los Angeles, Denver, Chicago, Kansas City, Boston, New York and Philadelphia, and later to Ogden and Omaha. The visitors hope to return to Japan with many new ideas to be used in the construction of the new lines. The Japanese Government, one of the engineers said, will shortly undertake the building of 6,000 miles of additional steam railways, making a total of more than 11,000 miles in operation in Japan.

GETTING SQUARE FOR BEATING.

Barge Skipper Shoots Longshoreman Who He Says Assaulted Him.

Thomas Thomsen, skipper of the Lehigh barge Towney, brought her in to the West Fifty-fourth street freight pier on Tuesday and was unloading her, when striking teamsters set upon him and beat him badly. He says he was in the neighborhood of a longshoreman who he says was one of his assailants. He went to the barge, got his pistol and shot at the man four times, lodging three bullets in his abdomen. The man, James McCarren of 881 Tenth avenue, is in Roosevelt Hospital likely to die. Thomsen was arrested.

OBITUARY.

Irish De